

The same issue carried a village budget synopsis. The budget total was \$2,791.

The good old days indeed.

Other Scenes from the past

For a look at some early 20th century photos of downtown Odessa and other nearby locales, try the website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyschuy1/phalbum.htm>.

Looking for historical accounts

We're seeking historical accounts of Schuyler County on this page -- both an overview of the area's settlement and development, and side stories related to the county's past that are informative and entertaining.

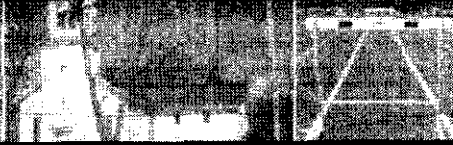
Any historians out there are welcome to try their hand at such efforts -- either through fresh writing or through previous essays or stories you might have composed and would like to see in electronic print for awhile.

Some of what appears here will remain for an extended period, while some will take turns with newer entries. I've included a photo of the fairly recent past -- the demolition one clear day a couple of years ago of the R House 2 building on Main Street in Odessa, a building with a rich history. In fact, anyone with details of that structure's long existence could tackle that as a subject.



In addition to the writing, this would be a good place for photos of historical interest. Anyone with old photos of Odessa, Montour Falls and Watkins Glen are welcome to lend them to this website for possible publication, or scan them and send them by e-mail.

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Peterson Library offers series of classes

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ODESSA, April 26 -- The Dutton S. Peterson Memorial Library, 106 First St., is offering a series of free classes starting in May that will teach participants how to make old-time crafts that they can then take home with them.

The series, titled "A Taste of Heritage Arts," is being funded by the Arts of the Southern Finger Lakes. The classes, taught by professionals, are geared toward beginners. Preregistration is required, and class sizes are limited.

The courses:

^^^ "Quilting" by Doris Navestad, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 22. For ages 8 and up. Teaches the basics of hand quilting and foundation piecing.

^^^ "Wool 101" by Karey Solomon, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 19. For ages 10 and up. Teaches the sheep to shawl procedure, and how to felt and knit.

^^^ "Basketmaking" by Pat Wood, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 14. For teens and adults. Teaches the history of basketmaking and how to make one.

^^^ "From Block Printing to Rubber Stamps" by Karen Hansen, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 25. For ages 10 and up. Teaches the art of block printing and stamping, and how to make a quilt-designed stamp.

^^^ "Magical Clay Creatures" by Deb Youngling, from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 11. For ages 5 to 10. Teaches children how to create a clay figure that will be fired and returned later.

To preregister (at least a week before a class), call (607) 594-2791.

Peterson library offers varied services

ODESSA -- Schuyler County residents are blessed with an abundance of libraries -- in Hector, Watkins Glen, Montour Falls and Odessa.

These libraries have been with us for years, but that does not mean they are growing old. They are, in fact, changing with the times.



The Dutton S. Peterson Memorial Library on the corner of Church and First Streets in Odessa is a fine example -- a facility that houses not just books, but a selection of magazines, audio books and videos, and provides access to the Internet through public-use computers. It also has copy and fax services, and offers home delivery to day-cares and shut-ins.

"You really should put something in your paper," the library's reading program coordinator, Bonnie Schweizer, told *The Odessa File*. "Let people know about all the services here."

And there are plenty. In addition to those named, the library has a local history collection, an aviation section, a magazine exchange, literacy materials, and a rotating collection of books and videos through the Southern Tier Library System.

The librarian is Gayle Greuber (**shown in photo**), who has held the post since May 1994. Her predecessor was Rose Cook.



Greuber, like the library, is
homegrown.

Born in Ithaca, raised between there and Odessa, she attended Odessa-Montour schools, graduating in 1976. She and husband Jeffrey, an accountant with U.S. Salt in Watkins Glen, have lived in Odessa for 18 years. The couple has a son, Kevin, 14, and a daughter, Emileigh, 17.

Greuber has been at the forefront of change -- the video and computer evolutions, in particular -- since joining the library.

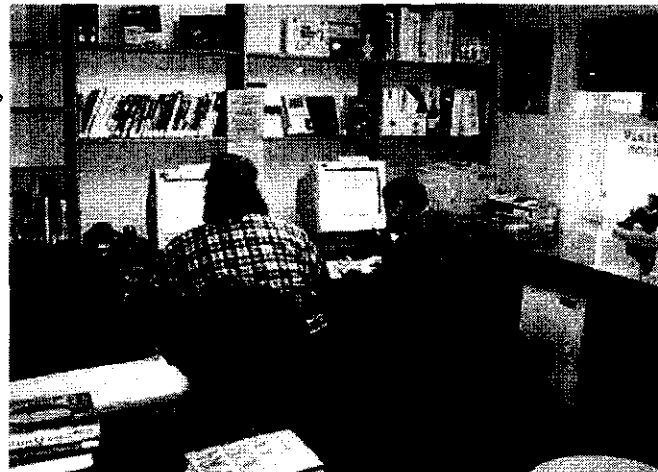
"On a weekly basis," she said, "we have 50 to 60 people use the computers." There are four public-use computers, given to the library in 2001 by the Gates Foundation. **(Two are shown in the photo below.)**

"That was big," she added, "and so was getting a line that wasn't a dial-up."

Videos are also popular, Greuber said, "and audio books to a lesser extent. People who commute to Elmira use them. It's a big thing for them."

Further change is occurring right now, Greuber added: the bar-coding of every item in the library, and the distribution of bar-coded library cards.

When that's completed, it will be easier to track books and videos, and easier to compile and analyze statistical data that might be used to help the library better serve the public.



Change, while an ongoing phenomenon, has been an integral part of the library's history, too.

At one time an insurance office owned and operated by Robert G. Carpenter (the current village mayor), the library building was sold by Carpenter to attorney Osco Peterson, who turned it into a law office. Peterson eventually relocated to an office west of the village, and the building became a residence for his brother for a while, and ultimately vacant.

Then, when the ODALCA Reading Center, located in the Town of Catharine highway barn, needed a new facility, Peterson agreed to sell his old office so it could be used as a library.

According to Carpenter, who served as treasurer and president of the library board before becoming a member of the Village Board, funds were raised through various means, and key donations accepted -- including a generous reduction in the selling price by Peterson.

The local Cotton-Hanlon lumber firm provided a gift of cherry, oak and maple for shelving, and then, said Carpenter, local craftsman Blaine Chamberlain "put the whole thing together" -- a facility that offers much in a small space.

The name of the library goes back to Osco Peterson's clan, Carpenter added -- specifically to Osco's father, Dutton S. Peterson, who was a minister at four churches in the area, then a state assemblyman and, at the time of his death, a state senator.

The library was chartered by the State Education Department in the mid-1980s, opened its doors in 1986, and underwent some more change a few years later -- renovation in the form of a new roof, insulation and exterior work.

The charter, originally provisional, was upgraded to absolute in the 1990s.

Quick facts:

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Address: 106 First St., P.O. Box 46, Odessa, NY 14869



Telephone: (607) 594-2791

Fax: The same number

E-mail: Odessa@stls.org

Website: www.stls.org/odessa

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 2-8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m.-noon and 2-6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Programs: Story hours (**shown in photo**), after-school and summer reading programs, public Internet access, interlibrary loans, book sale, literacy volunteer/tutoring site.

Librarian: Gayle Greuber

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Odessa-Montour School Board

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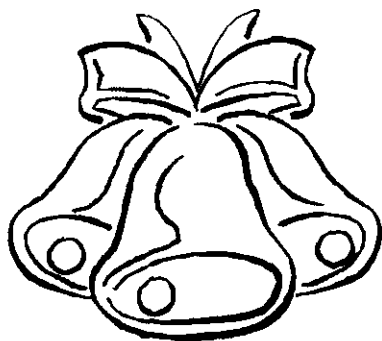
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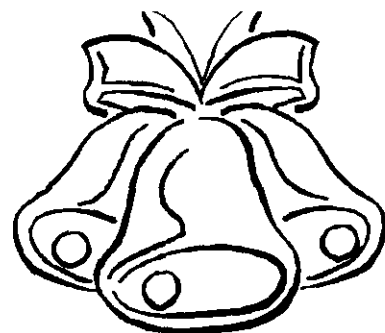
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Grades 6-8: Sandra Young, 594-3341

Grades 9-12: Ronald Perry, 594-3341.



B. C. Cate Elementary School Newsletter December 2003



Season's Greetings Everyone!

December is upon us and I am sure many of you are frantically getting everything organized for the holidays. As you make your decisions about presents for the kids, please remember that books, flashcards and writing journals make great stocking stuffers.

You can turn your holiday preparations into wonderful learning experiences for the children. For example, when you are making all of your holiday goodies, be sure to have your child help read the directions and measure the ingredients. Also, let your child write the notes on the cards you are sending to friends and family. Most importantly, take time for having fun, relaxing and enjoying special moments with family and friends.

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Merrill
B. C. Cate Principal



SECOND GRADE PROGRAM



On **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 at 1:15 pm**, the second grade students will be presenting their musical program **The Runaway Snowman**. Everyone is invited to attend. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FROM THE CALENDAR.**



PLAYGROUND

During the winter months, it is very important that all children come prepared to go outside for playground. Your child must have a hat, warm jacket, mittens, boots and snow pants. If snow pants are not available, an extra pair of pants to be worn over school clothing would be fine.



CHARACTER EDUCATION

The Character Education emphasis for December is caring, showing concern for others and tolerance. This includes:

- Being nice to others
- Showing that you care
- Helping and caring for people in need
- Being generous with kind words and actions
- Seeing things from someone else's point of view
- Recognizing that everyone is special



We will be collecting grocery items to donate to the Schuyler Food Pantry in an effort to demonstrate our caring & concern for others. The Food Pantry is looking for 1# packages of spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables and toilet paper. Students may bring their donation to school between December 1st and December 12th. Thank you for your generosity.

Important Dates

- Monday, December 1 - 12 - Collecting food for the Schuyler Food Pantry
- Tuesday, December 2 - Learn Not to Burn Program at B. C. Cate
- Thursday, December 4 - Holiday Gift Fair
- Friday, December 5 - Holiday Gift Fair
- Tuesday, December 9 - B. C. Cate PFO 6:00 pm Room 2
- Wednesday, December 10 - Early Release Day -
B. C. Cate Students dismissed @ 11:10
- Thursday, December 18 - Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm
- Friday, December 19 - Second Grade Program:
The Runaway Snowman 1:15 pm B. C. Cate Cafeteria
- Monday, December 22, 2002 -
Friday, January 2, 2003 - No School - Winter Recess
- Monday, January 5 - First Day Back after Winter Recess



OMCS News Notes

September 2004

Welcome to the 2004 - 05 school year

Dear Friends and Residents of the Odessa-Montour Central School District,

It hardly seems possible that it's time to say welcome back and How was your summer? Now there will be plenty of adventure and vacation stories to share as we start a new school year.

There has been much activity in the district since June. Our Odessa parking lot has been transformed, both gym floors refinished, locker rooms refurbished, much cleaning accomplished, and handicap ramps constructed. Our security and new fire alarm systems are fully operational. The High School entry has had a facelift.

Our coaches report increases in the number of student athletes participating in sports. All of our fall teams are working hard and looking forward to the season.

There have been personnel changes as well. Susan Gilling will be at Hanlon as interim principal district director of special education for the 2004-2005 school year. Ron Perry is filling in at the High School as we complete the search for a new principal. Cody McCoy-Goods is taking over for Lisa Muhlen in the business department, and Randi Hauber joins the Middle School staff as a special education teacher. Stan Mathews joins the secondary staff as an instructional support

teacher and Robyn Moratis moves to fourth grade as Roni Lewis assumes technology instructional support teacher responsibilities under our Title IID competitive grant. Lisa Mas leaves kindergarten for

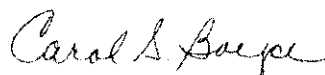
Robyn's former second grade position. The secondary program welcomes Bonnie Amburg back as a teaching assistant. High School Senior Brandon Cluff has joined the custodial staff as a part-time cleaner in the evening.

Now I hope I've covered all the changes that have happened so far. And there are more to come as our technology grants are implemented.

We look forward to seeing all of you as we begin a great year with the young people of our district. We invite you to our

events and our open houses to see the accomplishments of your children. Check your district calendar for dates and times. Hope to see you soon

Sincerely,



Carol S. Boyce
Superintendent



Attention parents of high school students

In accordance with federal law and the No Child Left Behind Act, our district must provide students' names, addresses and telephone numbers to recruiters from the various branches of the armed services. If you do not want this information provided to military recruiters, please notify the superintendent in writing by October 1.

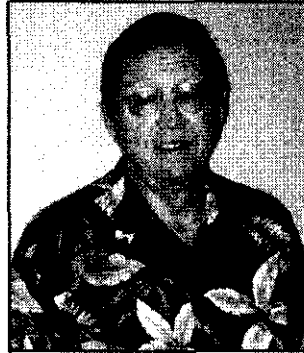
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New faces around the district this fall

Ron Perry is the interim principal at the High School. Perry has a long history in education. He was a teacher in the Newfane School District for 11 years before leaving for a job in the private sector. However, he soon returned to teaching. I wanted to get back to working with kids, he said.



Interim Principal Ron Perry

Perry went on to spend the next 2 years in the Coming-Painted Post School District, with 13 years dedicated to the assistant principal position at Coming High School.

Although he retired in 1998, Perry has remained active in education by taking on interim positions at Cayland-Cohocton, Dansville and Coming schools.

Perry is looking forward to starting the school year at Odessa-Montour. His district has outstanding teachers, he said. They work hard, and I want to support them.

We need to preface everything we do by asking 'Is this what's best for kids?'. I strongly believe in making sure that the answer is yes.

Perry divides his time between homes in Painted Post and Arizona. He has been a professional wood turner for 4 years and displays his works at artisan shows.

Susan Egging is the interim Hanlon principal and district director of special education. She comes to O-M from Meeteetse, Wyoming, where she was a principal and special education director at a small, rural K-12 school with an enrollment of 13 students.

Egging has worked in education for 22 years, both as a teacher and administrator. She spent two years working with severely multiply handicapped students in a BOCES facility that modeled its programs after New York State BOCES programs.

After visits to relatives in Queensbury, NY, Egging decided to relocate to New York State. Odessa-Montour seemed like a good fit for her. I prefer a smaller rural school, so this position met

my needs, she said. Plus, this is beautiful country that provides many educational and cultural opportunities.

Egging is excited about her new roles at O-M. The staff are

so committed to the kids, and I want to be part of the team, she said.



Interim Principal Susan Egging

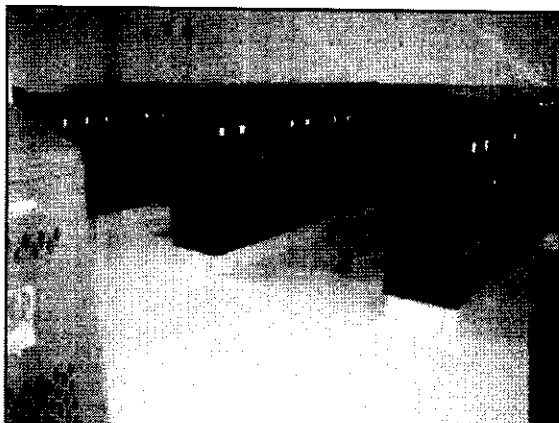


Jody McCoy-Woods and Randi Hauber (pictured left, l-r) join the O-M staff this year.

McCoy-Woods will teach applied math and business math at the High School. She taught at South Seneca before spending four years as director of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Children's Center in Millard.

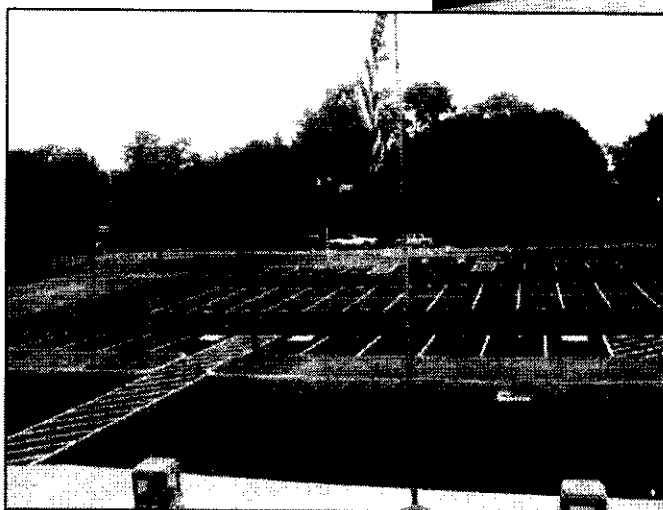
Hauber will teach special education at the Middle School. She completed her student teaching in Rochester-area schools, and is completing her Masters degree at St. John Fisher College.

Summer projects improve district facilities



The lockers in the boys' locker room have been replaced. According to Phil Marrella, director of physical education, the old lockers were damaged and presented a safety hazard. The locker room is used by 3rd-6th grade physical education and swim classes and by visiting teams.

The floors in both gyms give off an impressive shine since being refinished. Marrella said that no one is sure when this process was done last. In the High School Gym (pictured at right), new scoreboards and shot clocks were also installed.



The new parking lot in front of the High School improves traffic flow and safety with a separate bus loop. A second entrance/exit allows other vehicles to access campus during pick-up and drop-off times.

O-M Hall of Fame game scheduled

The annual Hall of Fame football game will take place on September 18 at 1:30 p.m., with the O-M Indians facing off against the DeSales Saints of Geneva.

Prior to game time, a reception honoring Hall of Fame inductees will be held in the High School cafeteria.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees are: Roger Meyers, Fran Gavich, Scott Westervelt, Tim DeRoche, Tom Lovell, Kevin Snow and Ric Brown.

Sept. 18:

*Hall of Fame
reception, noon,
HS cafeteria*

*O-M vs.
DeSales, 1:30*

Odessa Fire Department



Address:
300 E. Main Street

Odessa, NY 14869

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Business Phone: (607)-594-2157
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Department Web Site:

Related Web Site:

Email: odessaafd@onlineimages.com

About Odessa Fire Department:

Odessa Fire Department proudly protects 4500 people living in an area of 240 square miles. We operate out of One stations that protect a primarily rural area. Our department is a public department whose members are on a volunteer status.

The Odessa Fire Department was established on May 4, 1910. The department previously occupied the Odessa Opera House until 1970 when our current station was built. We serve and protect the Village of Odessa, the Town of Catharine, and parts of the towns of Cayuta, Montour, Hector, and Veteran. The Odessa Fire Department has developed from the days of horse drawn hand pumper in the beginning, to a state of the art fire department with seven pieces of apparatus. The department also utilizes several additional pieces of equipment including: 1 Hearst extrication tool, 1 boat, 2 portable pumps, 20 airpacks, multiple pieces of ice rescue equipment, 2 defibrators, and many other assorted pieces of firefighting equipment.

Department Type: All Volunteer

Services Provided:

- Firefighting
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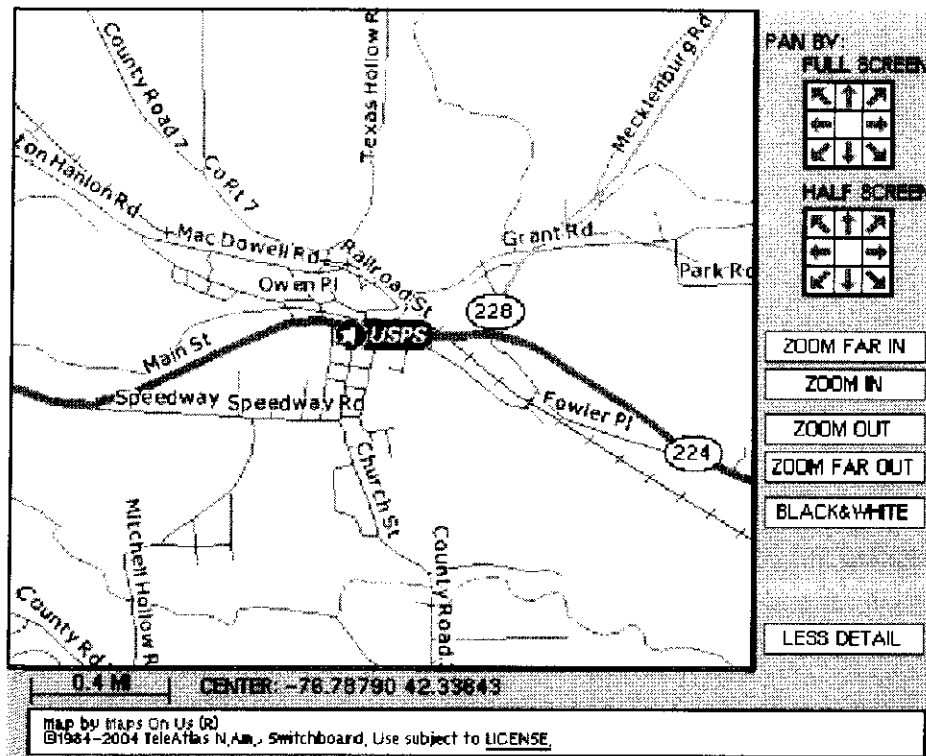
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